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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 23, 2005, Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper;

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper